

Regulations for the Quarter Master General's Department

REGULATIONS for the Quarter Master General's Department. By the *United States* in Congress assembled, *October 23, 1782*.

Resolved, **THAT** the Establishment of the Quarter Master's Department, by the Resolutions of Congress of the 15th July, 1780, be from and after the first day of January next, repealed, and the following Regulations then adopted in its Stead.

Resolved, That there be one Quarter Master General, the present Quarter Master General be continued in Office; and hereafter, as Vacancies arise, to be appointed by Congress.

That the Quarter Master General, with the Approbation of the Commander in Chief, appoint the following Officers for the Armies of the United States, viz. For the Main Army. One Deputy Quarter Master. One Waggon Master. One Commissary of Forage. One Director, and one Subdirector, of a Company of Artificers.

For the Southern Army. One Deputy Quarter Master. One Deputy Commissary of Forage. One Deputy Waggon Master. One Director, and one Subdirector, of a Company of Artificers:

And as many Assistants as the Service may require in the Main and Southern Army, to perform the Duties of Quarter Masters of Brigades, Storekeepers, Clerks, and such other Duties in the Quarter Master's Departments as the Service may require, and also as many Waggon Conductors.

That the Pay per Month of the Officers in the Quarter Master General's Department, including their Pay in the Line of the Army, shall be as follows:

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Dollars. Quarter Master General, 166[60/90?] Deputy Quarter Master with the Southern Army, 125 Deputy Quarter Master with the Main Army, 75 Waggon Master, 60 Commissary of Forage for the Main Army, 60 Commissary of Forage for the Southern Army, 60 Deputy Waggon Master for the Southern Army, 60 Assistants in the Quarter Master's Department, each, 30 Waggon Conductors, each, 20 Directors of [Artificers?], each, 40 Subdirectors of ditto, each, 26 60/90

That the following be the Proportion of Waggon and Bat Horses to the different Ranks of Officers, unless otherwise directed, in special Cases, by the Commander in Chief, or Commanding Officer of the Southern Army: The Commander in Chief, and Commanding Officer of the Southern Army, for their own Accommodation, and for their Families, as many Baggage Waggons and Bat Horses as they may think necessary. Major General and Family, one covered four Horse Waggon, and one two Horse Waggon. Brigadier General and Family, one covered four Horse Waggon. Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Major, one covered four Horse Waggon. Captains and Subalterns of a Regiment, for their Baggage, one covered four Horse Waggon. Surgeon, Paymaster, Adjutant, and Quarter Master, regimental Staff, one covered four Horse Waggon. Brigade Quarter Master, one Bat Horse.

For the Tents of a Regiment, for every seventy five Men, but this to be varied, according to the Weight of the Tents, and State of the Roads, one open four Horse Waggon. Quarter Master General, for his Baggage, according to his Rank; for his Books, Papers, &c. as many as he shall find necessary. Deputy Quarter Master, with the Main Army, or with a separate Army, for his Baggage, and for his Books, Papers, &c. one covered four Horse Waggon. Commissary of Forage, with the Main Army, his Clerks and Assistants, one covered four Horse Waggon. Deputy Commissary of Forage, with a separate Army, one two Horse Waggon. Waggon Master and Clerks, one covered four Horse Waggon. Deputy Waggon Master with the Southern Army, his Clerks and Assistants, one two Horse Waggon, or two Bat Horses. Inspector General, for his Baggage, according to his Rank;

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and for his Papers, as the Commander in Chief may direct. Inspectors, one two Horse Waggon. Adjutant General, two covered four Horse Waggon.—For the Baggage of his Assistants, Clerks, and official Papers, one two Horse Waggon. Judge Advocate, one two Horse Waggon. Deputy Judge Advocate for Southern Army, one two Horse Waggon. Commissary of Prisoners, one two Horse Waggon. Deputy Commissary of Prisoners, Southern Army, one two Horse Waggon. Provost Marshal, with the Prisoners and Guards, one open four Horse Waggon. Field Commissary of Military Stores, and his Deputy, with the Main and Southern Army, each one Bat Horse. Deputy Paymaster, with the Main and Southern Army, each, one two Horse Waggon. Field Postmaster, one Bat Horse.

Provided, That if the Number of Waggon stated above, should prove insufficient, the Quarter Master General may occasionally furnish such additional Carriages as the Commander in Chief, or Commanding Officer of a separate Army, or the Secretary of War, may direct.

That a Ration of Forage per Day shall consist of fourteen Pounds of Hay and ten Quarts of Oats for each Horse.

That there be issued to the Commander in Chief, and to the commanding Officer of a separate Army, and to those of their Suite, as many Rations as the Service may require.

That there shall be allowed for Saddle Horses: Rations. To a Major General and Family, Seven. Brigadier General and Family, Five. Colonel of Infantry or Artillery, Two. Lieutenant Colonel, Two. Major, Two. Chaplain, One. Surgeon, One. Adjutant, One. Quarter Master, One. Brigade Quarter Master, One. Quarter Master General, as the Service may require. Deputy Quarter Master with the Army, Two. Captain of Engineers, One. Commissary of Forage, Two. Deputy with Southern Army, Two. Waggon Master and Clerks, Three. Deputy Waggon Master, separate Army, Two. Inspector General, agreeable to his Rank. Inspector in Addition to what he draws in the Line, One. Adjutant General, Four. Deputy with separate Army, Three. Each Assistant, Two. Commissary of Prisoners, Two. Deputy

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with a separate Army, Two. Judge Advocate, Two. Deputy with separate Army, Two. Provost Marshal, One. Field Commissary of Military Stores, Two. Deputy with a separate Army, Two. Deputy Paymaster, One.

Officers of Cavalry to be allowed to draw Forage for the following Number of Horses, provided they actually keep the same: Colonel, three Lieutenant Colonel, two. Major, two. Captain, two. Lieutenant, one. Cornet, one. Paymaster, Quarter Master, Exclusive of Allowance as Officers in Adjutant, the Line, each one. Surgeon, one.

That any of the Officers intitled to Forage, who shall keep their Horses at their own Expence, shall be paid therefor by the Quarter Master General, at the Average Price given by him for the Forage of the Army.

Resolved. That the Quarter Master General, with the Approbation of the Secretary at War, shall appoint so many Assistants to reside in the several States as the public Service may require.

That all Officers in the Quarter Master General's Department, of whatever Denomination, shall take the Oaths of Allegiance and the Oath of Office prescribed by Congress, before they enter on Business.

That the Quarter Master General make a Return of the Names and Station of each Person to be appointed in his Department.

That in settling the Accounts of Officers in the said Department, no Pay or Allowance whatever be granted to any Person employed therein, whose Name and Employment, together with a Certificate of his having taken the aforesaid Oaths, shall not have been returned within two Months after his Acceptance of such Office. **CHARLES, THOMSON, Sec.**